WIKIPEDIA 20

Australian Community Celebration

When: Friday 15 January 2021

Time: 7.00 – 8.30pm AEDT
(6.30pm SA, 6pm QLD, 5.30pm NT, 4pm WA)

Where: Online. **Register to receive the link:**
eventbrite.com/e/wikipedia-20-australian-community-celebration-tickets-134744822391

The theme for this year is *20 years human.*

More events

- Sat 16 January 2021 at 3am AEDT (midnight WA): Global virtual birthday party for communities
meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia_20/Global_event
- Sat 16 January 2021 at 11pm AEDT (8pm WA) **Wikimedia Asia-Pacific/ESEAP Panel**
meta.wikimedia.org/wiki/Wiki_20_Countdown
- Sun 17 January 2021: at 12:00pm Perth meetup
wikimedia.org.au/wiki/Perth_meetup_70

#1Lib1Ref

#1Lib1Ref starts again on the 15 January 2021 and runs to 5 February 2021. A new challenge for this year is to add citations that expand Wikipedia's coverage of human rights in the Australian context.
1lib1ref.org

This report by Infolass talks about the virtual 1Lib1Ref 2020 program for library staff at Yarra Plenty Regional Library, Victoria.
Wikipedia Librarians at Work
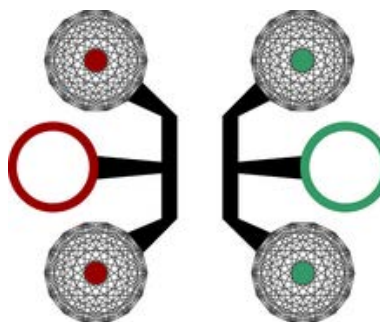
Nyungar Language Videos

Wikimedia Australia is partnering with Curtin University, Western Australia to produce Nyungar language videos with English translations. Thanks to Ingrid Cumming, Karla Hart, Maitland Schnar and Gnangarra for enabling this material. Watch Commons for videos through the coming year.
commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Category:Noongar_language

Cool tool: Entity Explosion

Toby Hudson received an Honourable Mention in Wikimedia's Cool Tools awards for Entity Explosion, a new browser extension (available in Chrome and Firefox), that while browsing, lets you discover links and information about the same topic on other sites. Learn more in the video:
youtube.com/watch?v=eRnqoJyi92w

Download Entity Explosion
wikidata.org/wiki/Wikidata:Entity_Explosion

Art+Feminism

Congratulations to Dr Caroline Phillips who has taken on the role of Oceania Regional Ambassador for Art+Feminism. Watch for news of the annual edit-a-thons around International Women's Day, March 2021.
artandfeminism.org/events

Know My Name

When the National Gallery of Australia closed to visitors in March, one disappointment was the interruption to the [Know My Name program](#) on which Australian editors had been working as part of Art+Feminism 2020. It also shut out the Gallery's team of volunteer guides.

With some creative thinking by the Know My Name Program Coordinator, and lots of preparation work by the Gallery's volunteer coordinator, learning team and library staff, Wikimedia Australia supported online Wikipedia training for gallery guides. Thanks to Wikimedian, Kerry Raymond for developing and expertly delivering the 100% online training for new editors, over three 2-hour sessions in June. During 2020, 27 new editors [worked on 138 articles related to Australian women artists, and contributed 943 references](#).

Simon Underschultz, Librarian at the National Gallery presented on the Know My Name partnership at the 2020 Arts Libraries Society of Australia and New Zealand Biennial Conference in November 2020. His paper was *Wikipedia Edit-a-thons: A Networked Approach to Community Engagement and Information Activism* [arlisanz.org/presentation-simon-underschultz](#)

Caddie Brain, Simon Underschultz and Jessi England at the National Gallery of Australia

Wikidata GLAM Engagement

In the [April newsletter](#) we called for applications for a project officer to develop materials to support Australian GLAMs engagement with Wikidata. We were pleased to find Rebecca Hawcroft, a consultant with expertise in content development and the GLAM sector, to undertake this work for us

This project recognised a lack of awareness of Wikidata in the Australian GLAM sector. The first stage involved interviewing Australian and New Zealand Wikimedians who have been successful in engaging with the GLAM sector. Key messages from these interviews guided the development of materials to use with GLAM institutions.

What we've learned so far

1. All GLAMs are different
2. Tailor content for each GLAM
3. Provide examples of relevant, successful collaborations
4. Provide clear channels of support and liaison between the GLAM and the movement

The Stage one report is now published at [wikimedia.org.au/wiki/File:WikidataGLAMReport.pdf](#)

Visualising Australian Honours

Wikimedia Australia is supporting a UTS research project exploring the connection between the recognition systems of the Order of Australia and Wikipedia. Kelly Tall has created visualisations that will be used by researchers Heather Ford and Tamsin Pietsch to produce an illustrated data essay, an academic paper and news article comparing these two systems of recognising notability of Australians.

Past events wrap up

Missed in history virtual edit-a-thon

On September 8 2021, Wikimedia Australia joined the University of Newcastle Library for a virtual event with the hashtag #UONMissedInHistory. Paige Wright and her team from the library ran a very well-organised event, and 28 editors edited local articles and contributed photographs from the university archives to Commons libguides.newcastle.edu.au/Missed_In_History

WikiCite Virtual Conference

On Tuesday 27 October 2021, Thomas Shafee and Alex Lum hosted an Australian session as part of the WikiCite Virtual Conference. Many thanks to local presenters Margaret Donald, Amanda Lawrence, Thomas Shafee and Toby Hudson who spoke of their work on the theme of Research output items.
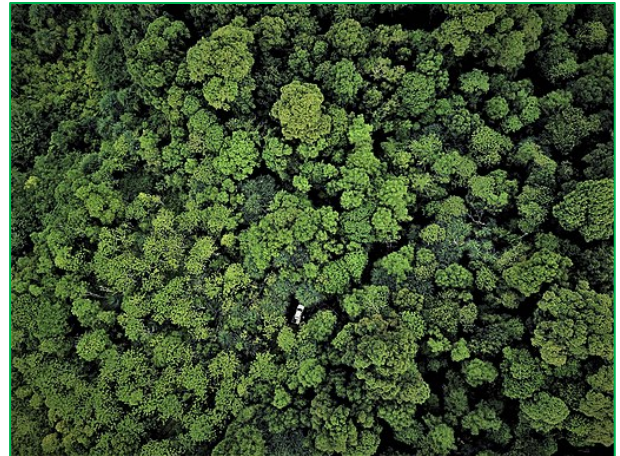
Tech Expo 2021

While the global pandemic shut down our in-person events for most of the year, WikiClub West was again invited to be an exhibitor at the Seniors Recreation Council of Western Australia's Tech Expo, held in Perth in late October, and Gnangarra faced up to the task. wikimedia.org.au/wiki/Report:Tech_Expo_2020

COVID-safe Tech Expo 2020
Photo provided by Gnangarra

Wiki Science Competition winners

Searching for Abbott's boobies in dense rain forest canopies. Author: Christina Lipka. CC-by 4.0

Christina Lipka, PhD student at La Trobe University in Melbourne took out the winning photo globally for the Wiki Science Wildlife and Nature category. Christina specialises in the field of seabird ecology, and her work involves monitoring the breeding population of the endangered Abbott's booby (*Papasula abbotti*) nesting on Christmas Island. Read Christina's story in the Wiki Science blog wikisciencecompetition.org/2020/08/13/winners-of-wsc19-wildlife-and-nature

Congratulations also to Gene Drendel, international runner up in the microscopy section.

Escherichia coli growing on Eosin methylene blue (EMB) media with its distinctive green metallic sheen. Author: Gene Drendel. CC-by 4.0

Around the projects

Remember to check out discussion on the [Australian Wikipedians' notice board](#).

Looking for a summer activity? There are plenty of Australian datasets in [Mix-n-Match](#).

Wikimedia Commons: History Trust SA

The History Trust of South Australia has uploaded 13,000 historical glass negatives to Commons. Check the [Australian Portal page](#) for ideas on working with these photographs and help with categorising and adding photos to articles.

In the news

- [Wikipedia and history: a worthwhile partnership in the digital era?](#) Post by Murray Phillips, UQ about the History of the Paralympic Movement in Australia project.

- [The Paralympics was due to begin today. The movement's history shows us it's about so much more than sport](#) ABC The Drum article by Ruby Cornish, about the History of the Paralympic Movement in Australia project.

- [Redressing Gender Imbalances at National Gallery of Australia](#) Ocula article about the Know My Name initiative at the National Gallery of Australia.

Apply for funding

Wikimedia Australia has funding available for members of the Australian Wikimedia community to enable work on Wikimedia projects or other activities directly related to Wikimedia Australia's mission.

We encourage you to apply using the application form, or contact a Committee member to discuss your idea for a project, be it about content, outreach, technical, research or editing.
[wikimedia.org.au/wiki/Funding_Applications](#)

For Members

Affiliate survey request

A sample of Wikimedia Australia members will be randomly selected to participate in the 2021 Affiliate membership survey, conducted by the Wikimedia Foundation. This survey is about understanding the experiences of Wikimedia Australia members. Please participate if requested.

Community meetings and meetups

Community meetings are held online on the second Wednesday of each month at 7pm (Eastern time). The link and password is sent to the members' mailing list before the event, or email contact@wikimedia.org.au. The Safe Space Policy applies. Check the Wikimedia Australia events page for dates for other meetups: [wikimedia.org.au/wiki/Calendar](#)

Committee

The [Wikimedia Australia Committee](#) continued to meet monthly online during 2020.

At the Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 13 September, we welcomed Alex Lum as the new President, and Caddie Brain as Vice-President, and a first-time committee member, Amanda Lawrence. After 3 years as President, Pru Mitchell moved to the Treasurer role and Steve Crossin to Secretary.

We bid farewell to Matt Moore and Robert Myers and thank them for their contribution to the committee. Robert served the Committee for several years as Secretary and Treasurer and has been active in building global connections. Annual reports are available from the AGM page:
[wikimedia.org.au/wiki/2020_AGM](#)

Hope to see you all online soon!